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Subject: Microsoft Settlement

Please work for an early settlement of the Microsoft dispute, rather than continual, endless litigation, which will increase the cost of software to the consumers and further enrich the lawyers involved.

I have used many Microsoft products and I feel the company has treated me fairly. I am especially pleased to see that under the proposed settlement, Microsoft would have given disadvantaged public schools over \$1 billion in funding, software, services and training.

I feel that punishing those most successful is contrary to what has made our nation unique and great. As a member of "The greatest generation", and still self employed at age 83, please conclude this long overdue problem and help our nation recover from its recent shock-wave.

A rapid and fair settlement is certainly preferable to protracted litigation.

God Bless America

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